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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 1 October 1968

ADD/I briefed on his review of the Robert Kennedy memoir obtained by McCall's magazine and indicated that there is nothing in it likely to embarrass the Agency or Mr. McCone.



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Godfrey advised that as of late yesterday the East Germans had closed off all canal traffic to Berlin, most likely because the Bundestag committees are meeting in West Berlin.

Godfrey referred to yesterday's report of the movement of two Soviet units on the Czech border and indicated that it is now apparent these movements are taking place within Czechoslovakia.

D/ONE reviewed ONE items on Thursday's USIB agenda, which include the quarterly schedule of Estimates, the Estimate on Mr. Nixon's trip to Mexico, NIE 11-13-68 (The Change in the Threat to NATO), and the revised version of NIE 11-8-68.

25X1 Carver reported that [redacted] is in the process of updating the 24 September general analysis of bombing of North Vietnam.

*Carver indicated that Senator Sparkman has raised with State and DOD a series of questions about various Vietnam issues. The Director asked Carver to ensure that we see the responses before they are sent to Senator Sparkman.

Maury reported that Senator Cooper apparently plans to raise in a Senate executive session next week certain ABM-related matters based in part on information provided to him by the Agency. Senator Cooper apparently will not refer directly to CIA as the source of some of his information.

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Maury reported that Congressman Selden is being briefed today on Latin America.

DD/S&T reported that, for the first time in eighteen months, there was a failure in the CORONA system which resulted in one quarter of the mission aborting.

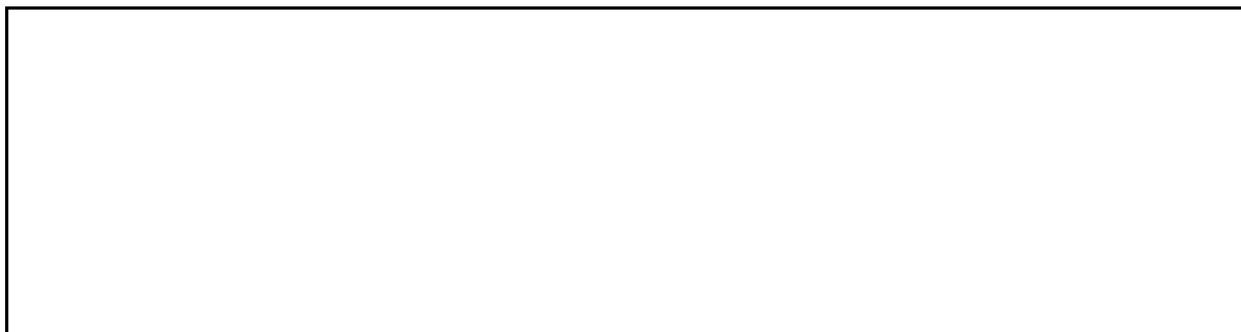


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DD/S&T indicated that on this morning's "Today" show Dr. Paine provided a balanced presentation of comparative Soviet and American space efforts.

DD/S&T reported that the  group is meeting to get organized today.

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DD/P commented on a report of the use of the port in Sihanoukville as an unloading point for transshipment of arms to the Viet Cong. In this connection, the Director noted an item in the Wall Street Journal reporting the comments of a North Vietnamese spokesman to the effect that Prince Sihanouk has been very helpful to the Viet Cong.

DD/P advised that Big Minh is scheduled to return to Vietnam next Saturday, 5 October.

*Executive Director briefed on the responsibilities of Government agencies under the Transition Act of 1964, which places responsibility on the outgoing Administration to arrange a smooth transition of the reins of Government to the incoming Administration. The Executive Director, as CIA's transition officer, noted that his State counterpart,

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Ben Read, telephoned to ask for suggestions of items which might usefully be brought to the attention of officials in the new Administration. In this connection, Executive Director asked the Deputies to provide him by 8 October with a brief list of suggested items of importance to CIA which should be surfaced to incoming senior officials in DOD and State.

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The Director drew attention to his conversation yesterday with [REDACTED] who was most complimentary indeed about Dr. Flax's astute administration of NRO.

Goodwin noted that John Steele of Time-Life has been on the telephone about what he regards as ominous indications of developments in Eastern Europe.

*The Director reminded D/ONE that he still wishes to receive the paper analyzing and speculating on Soviet intelligence and policy estimative processes. In this connection, the Director asked the ADD/I to provide a study of the same matter covering the last five years.

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*Extracted and sent to action officer